



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: John Gagliardi was born in Trinidad, Colorado, and was a graduate of Colorado College. He coached collegiately for 64 years, with four at Carroll College in Helena, Montana, before coming to Saint John's University in 1953; and

WHEREAS: John holds the record as college football's all-time wins leader with 489 victories, and won national titles at Saint John's in 1963, 1965, 1976, and 2003; and

WHEREAS: In 1993, Jostens, Inc. and the Saint John's University J-Club unveiled the Gagliardi Trophy, an award recognizing outstanding Division III players across the nation; and

WHEREAS: In 2006, John was the first active head coach to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, and in 2018, became the first member of Saint John's University's J-Club Hall of Honor; and

WHEREAS: John was an outstanding mentor to the thousands of young student athletes who came through his program. At Saint John's University, he produced 113 All-Americans, as well as 22 Academic All-Americans. John's former players have gone on to become leaders in government, politics, education, business, and finance; and

WHEREAS: John's insights on strategy, success, and motivation in coaching football were the subject of five books, and his training program was prominently featured in the national media; and

WHEREAS: John Gagliardi announced his retirement as Saint John's head football coach on November 19, 2012, and passed away on October 7, 2018, at the age of 91. Minnesotans are proud to have counted him among them, and his accomplishments will live on in the memories of Johnnies everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 15, 2018, as:

JOHN GAGLIARDI DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of October.


GOVERNOR